

Budget Narrative for November 11, 2023, Assembly

Balance Sheet

Our balance sheet typically shows changes over a 12-month period, so Sept 2022 to Sept 2023. I've included December, 2022, to show the year-to-date changes.

Our checking account remains healthy. The Checking and CD line item has a little over \$100k in 5% CDs included. So checking is approximately \$130k. One set of CDs matured on 10/21/23 and another set matures on 5/21/24. We reinvested the \$50k October CD set in 7-month CDs at 5.25%. Our investments (see included curve) have continued their roller coaster ups and downs this year. Thus far in 2023 (September 30), we are up 4.6% - hence the reason we bought CDs. October results are expected to be lower.

Under the Temporarily Restricted Funds is a new line item from Sherrard Presbyterian Church when it closed. The money is to be used for grants to PGR congregations for Children and Youth Outreach Ministries. The money will be administered by the Visioning Team with the following criteria:

- a. That the ministry has primarily an outreach to non-churched children and youth
- b. That the ministry has a component of Bible study and faith sharing

Income Statement

1. Income

- a. At the three-quarter mark of the year (75%), our per capita income is doing well. While the statement shows us at 84% of what we budgeted, recall that our budgeted amount is 85% of the total amount that should be remitted. Compared to that total amount, we have received 71% - slightly less than the 75%.
- b. Mission giving is doing well.
- c. Our trust clause payments are ahead of plan.
- d. As stated above, our investments are over 100% of our projected amount. It remains to be seen if that holds through year end.

Overall, Income is ahead of plan and if it holds our deficit should be lower than anticipated.

2. Expenses

When reviewing the expenses, I like to use the details that were presented when our 2023 budget was presented to Assembly. It is included as an attachment: 2023 Budget and Sept Year to Date

- a. The Presbytery Office expenses are 83% spent. This is largely due to Service Agreements being higher than budgeted because of the Treasurer's Training which was not included in the 2023 budget (it is included in the 2024 budget). By year end I expect the total to be well under the \$18.9k budgeted amount.
- b. Committee Meeting Expenses are well below plan. Committees continue to take advantage of Zoom for their meetings.
- c. Administration Expenses are well over plan due to higher than budgeted Assembly costs, Unpaid Per Capita from 2022, and unbudgeted Presbytery Search Costs. The latter will be removed at year-end and taken from the \$10,000 line item on the Balance Sheet that

is marked "Presbyter Relocation." That was unused by Ryan, who elected not to move to Peoria.

Another line item under Admin that will be reduced is Payroll Service. CAVU, our payroll provider, made several errors on our payroll (that Sabrina caught) and after discussing the options, we elected to bring payroll in-house. We already have the software to do payroll (Amy had used it during her tenure) and Sabrina has been using that same software to do FFC's payroll.

- d. Mission Programs are underspent this year primary due to Visioning's grants. Recall that 20% of any money left in Visioning is to be transferred to the Balance Sheet line-item "Church Support for Family Leave," which subsidizes churches for pulpit supply and session moderators if a pastor takes family leave.
- e. COM remains underspent on the year, as does CPM.
- f. Personnel Costs are also underspent, as anticipated, because of the lower cost for a Bridge Presbyter compared to a full time Lead Presbyter.

Overall expenses are at about two-thirds of the budgeted amount, yielding a positive Revenue in Excess of Expenses. Our actual cash flow year to date is a positive \$2,212.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Strawbridge, treasurer